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Cnl 3. (Amended) The electronic device as in claim 1, wherein when the activation signal is indicative of the stylus engaging the engagement member, the electronic device powers down.

4. (unchanged) The electronic device as in claim 1, wherein the actuator is a biased switch.

5. (unchanged) The electronic device as in claim 4, wherein the biased switch has a protruding member that protrudes into a stylus receiving chamber of the engagement member.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbons (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,677) in view of Tognazzini (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,728). The claims have been amended by rewriting claims 1 and 3 and canceling claim 2. Claims 1, 3-5 remain in the application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks provided herein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Referring to the rejections under 35 USC §103 (a), the examiner is of the opinion that the original claims 1-5 were obvious over Gibbons in view of Tognazzini. However, it is submitted that the claims 1, 3-5 now on file clearly distinguish over Gibbons in view of Tognazzini. In particular, the amended claim 1 has the limitation of :

“.....in use, the actuator provides an activation signal indicative of the stylus engaging or disengaging the engagement member, and in response to the activation signal indicating the stylus disengaging the engagement member the controller provides a signal to activate the display screen.”

In contrast, the citation of Tognazzini teaches an entry slot (130) for receiving a card. The sole purpose of the entry slot is to receive the card and the sole purpose of the card is to initialize power up and activate a printing device by displacing contacts of a microswitch (140). Furthermore, since the sole purpose of the card is to activate a printing device, then the microswitch (140) only activates the printing device when the card is inserted into the slot (140). This is apparent by referring to FIGs. 1A and 1C and Column 5 lines 7 to 11 where Tognazzini states: "Referring to FIG. 1A, a card is inserted in slot 130 for printing. As shown in FIG. 1C, the presence of the card in entry slot 130 displaces contacts of a microswitch 140 which is utilized to initiate power up and to activate the printing device for printing".

Clearly, Tognazzini teaches an entry slot having the sole purpose of receiving an activating card and the sole purpose of the card is to initialize power up and activate a printing device when it is engaging the slot (inserted into the slot). In contrast, applicant's invention as claimed in the amended claims is directed towards an activating the display screen when the stylus is disengaging the engagement member. Thus, it is submitted that the function and operation of the invention as claimed is opposite to that as taught by Tognazzini. Hence, the teachings of Gibbons in view of Tognazzini does not result in applicants invention as now claimed in claims 1, 3-5 currently on file. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees (if applicable), to deposit account number 50-2117.

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AS AMENDEDIN THE CLAIMS:Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic device comprising:
a controller;
an interactive display screen coupled to said controller;
a housing having an engagement member for releasably engaging a stylus to allow mounting of a stylus to the housing; and
an actuator associated with the engagement member, wherein, in use, the actuator provides an activation signal indicative of the stylus engaging or disengaging the engagement member, and in response to the activation signal indicating the stylus disengaging the engagement member the controller provides a signal to activate the display screen.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Amended) The electronic device as in claim 1, wherein when the activation signal is indicative of the stylus engaging the engagement member, the electronic device powers down.
4. The electronic device as in claim 1, wherein the actuator is a biased switch.
5. The electronic device as in claim 4, wherein the biased switch has a protruding member that protrudes into a stylus receiving chamber of the engagement member.